

REMARKS

Further to the Amendment filed on April 22, 2009, which will be entered upon the filing of the RCE submitted herewith, Applicants present the following comments in response to the Advisory Action.

In the Advisory Action, the term "supernatant" introduces consideration of new search and new art to be applied for the newly added claim limitation. Applicants traverse. The term "supernatant" is well known in the art to refer to a residue separated from solid matters by settling, precipitation, centrifugation, etc, as described in the present specification (e.g., page, lines 1-4; page 12, lines 17-25) as well as U.S. Patent No. 6,228,358 (e.g., Test Example 3), U.S. Patent No. 5,908,622 (e.g., Example 6), and U.S. Patent No. 5,702,927 (e.g., Example 8), all of which were cited by the PTO during the patent prosecution of the Sobol reference. Thus, no new search is required.

Accordingly, for at least foregoing reasons, the rejections should be withdrawn.

Applicants believe that no additional fees are due, however, if for any reason a fee is required, the Office is hereby authorized and requested to charge Deposit Account No. **04-1105**.

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